

million dollars; and

WHEREAS, Maryland is one of the seven leading states in the total revenue of its race tracks; and

WHEREAS, Notwithstanding recent increases in the population of Maryland, the average daily attendance at Maryland's thoroughbred tracks and the average daily revenue to the State from thoroughbred racing declined between 1968 and 1976; and

WHEREAS, A series of State Commissions including the Sybert Committee, the Miles Commission, and the Rasin-Clark Commission have recommended extensive unimplemented reforms in the regulation of racing in Maryland and additional changes have been recommended in a Management Analysis Study of the Maryland Racing Commission undertaken by the Department of Budget and Fiscal Planning in August 1978; and

WHEREAS, Other states have in recent years carried out important changes in the organization and regulation of racing and it is desirable that there be a comprehensive review of Maryland policy toward racing; and

WHEREAS, It has been estimated that the racing industry, together with the horse-raising industry and associated services, directly and indirectly generates some \$600,000,000 a year in economic activity in Maryland;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HARRY HUGHES, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY ARTICLE II, SECTIONS 1 AND 24 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF MARYLAND AND BY ARTICLE 41, SECTION 15C OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND HEREBY ISSUE THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE ORDER EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

1. The Governor's Commission on Racing Reform is hereby created;
2. The Commission consists of seven members appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall be a member of the Senate, and one of whom shall be a member of the House of Delegates;
3. The Commission shall conduct a general study of the racing industry as it exists in Maryland and other jurisdictions and of other industries closely allied to it and in connection therewith shall:

(a) Review previous studies of the racing and allied industries in this State in light of